

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendment and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-69 are pending in the present application, Claims 1-63 having been amended by way of the present amendment, and Claims 64-69 having been added by way of the present amendment. No new matter has been added, as discussed below.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 15 and 40 were objected to due to informalities; and Claims 1-14, 16-39, 41-63 were indicated as being allowable over the prior art.

Firstly, Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.


Secondly, Claims 1-63 have been amended to adopt more of a U.S. format. Claims 64-69 have been added reciting features similar to Claims 1, 22, 45, 52, 55, and 62. Claims 64-69 are directed to the subject matter contained in Claims 1, 22, 45, 52, 55, and 62, respectively, but without the use of “means plus function” language. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Lastly, Claims 15 and 40 have been amended to address the informalities identified in the outstanding Office Action. Therefore, the objection to Claims 15 and 40 has been overcome.

Consequently, in view of the above discussion, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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